

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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THEIR USE IN TREATING BONE DEFECTS

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2008, please consider the following. No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due for consideration of this paper, but if any further fees are deemed due, or if any further extensions of time are deemed to be necessary, please provide such extensions and charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include issue fees.